

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5648
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BUILDING REPLICA OF BAMIAN BUDDHA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Sri Lankan main Buddhist organization is seeking help from India in building the replica of Bamiyan Buddha in Sri Lanka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have supplied necessary information and documents required by Sri Lanka; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a) to (d) The Mahabodhi Society of Sri Lanka have sought help in obtaining clear photographs of Buddha statues destroyed at Bamiyan to assist local sculptors in designing replicas. Copies of some photographs available with Archeological Survey of India have been sent to Sri Lankan authorities.